

WO-229

Old Swamp Schoolhouse

Whaleyville vicinity

private

c. 1870

The old Swamp Schoolhouse formerly stood on the edge of the Careytown swamp less than a mile from the Delaware-Maryland line. After the single-story, three-bay frame structure was no longer used for classes, it was relocated nearer Whaleyville on the western edge of Blueberry Road. It is now used by the congregation of the Church of God of Prophecy.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: OLO SWAMP SCHOOLHOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-229

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURE-INDUSTRIAL
TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. SCHOOL

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-229

Magi No. 2402295508

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common OLD SWAMP SCHOOLHOUSE

2. Location

street & number West side of Blueberry Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Whaleyville ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Whaleyville state and zip code MD 21872

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Swamp Schoolhouse is located on the west side of Blueberry Road and north of Whaleyville, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story frame building faces east with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1870, the single story, gable-front frame building was moved from its original site near Careytown to its current location when the school was converted to a church. Supported by a mixture of rusticated and plain concrete blocks, the old schoolhouse is sheathed with vinyl siding and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the southwest corner of the building is a single-story, flat-roofed church hall addition.

The east (main) gable-front elevation is a one bay wide facade with a center door that opens into a small vestibule. The vestibule section of the building is covered by a gable roof that is slightly lower than the roof of the main building.

The north side of the rectangular building is pierced by three, large-size six-over-six sash windows that have been partially covered by the vinyl siding. At present only the lower sash and part of the upper sash are exposed. The cornice is boxed. The south side has been partially covered by the single story block addition. Attached to the back of the the old school is another modern addition.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

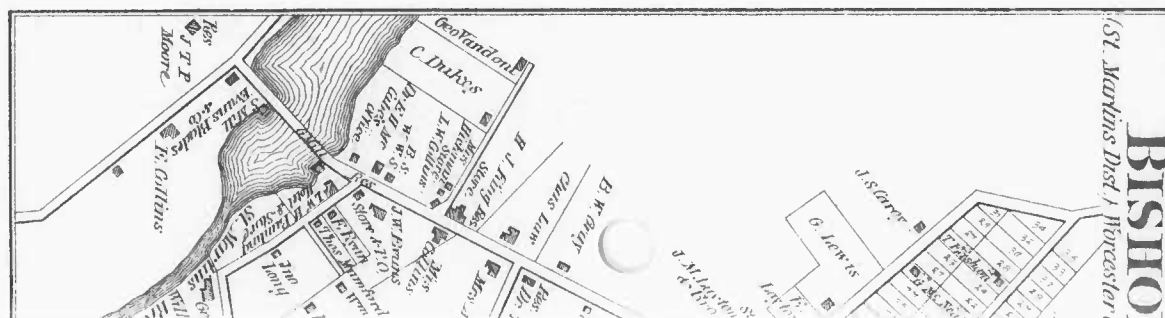
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Swamp Schoolhouse remains as an altered but nevertheless extant example of a late nineteenth-century school that formerly served the families living near the cypress swamp of northern Worcester County. The school was moved to its new location and generally remodeled to suit the needs of a congregation north of Whaleyville.

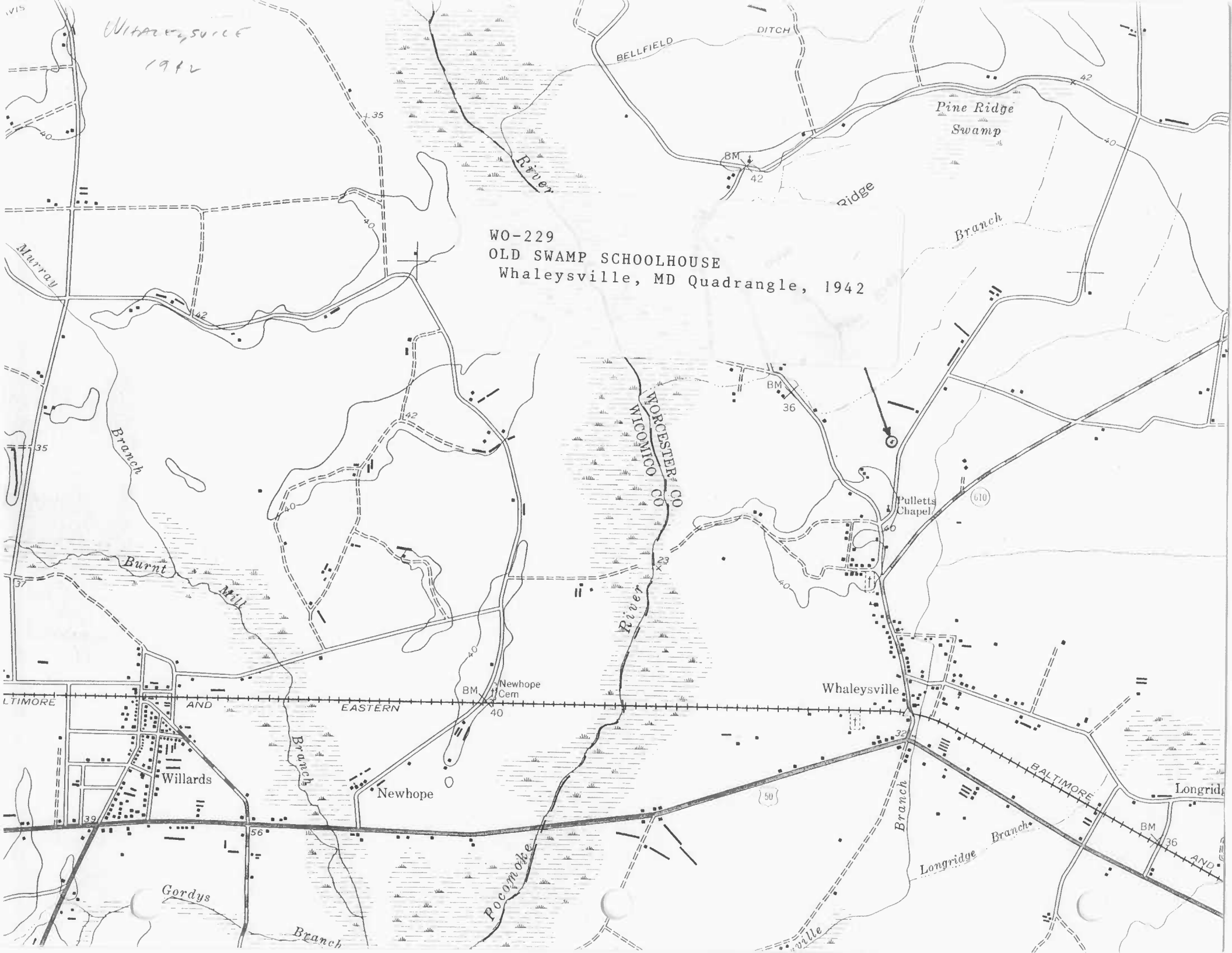
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Whaleyville, MD Quadrangle, 1942

